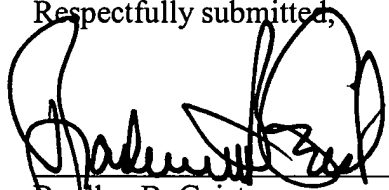


REMARKS

Applicant hereby cancels Claim 1. Claims 2 and 9 are currently pending, and allowed as indicated by the Examiner in the Official Action dated October 8, 2003. Accordingly, the application is in condition for allowance.

The cancellation of Claim 1 is without prejudice to being resubmitted in a continuation application.

Respectfully submitted,



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